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Airfield and Panzer Kaserne in Kamenz

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1. Kamenz had become the military post of the Volkspolizei. Reconstruction work on the barracks installations was allegedly accelerated. Non-local workers were also employed for reconditioning work at Kamenz airfield. The informant also said that the morale of the Volkspolizei left much to be desired. VP men repeatedly stated that the promises which had been made when they were recruited were not kept.
2. An estimated 1,200 VP, including some women in VP uniforms, were quartered in the Panzer Kaserne in Kamenz on 27 and 28 September. No officers were observed among the women. A Soviet unit of about 50 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was also quartered in the Panzer Kaserne. Large scale construction work, including repairs and construction of new buildings, was being done in the barracks installation and at the field. The VEB Kamenz was charged with construction work in the barracks installation, while the Bautzen and Neugersdorf Bauunions were given the contract for the work at the field. According to the workers from Kamenz, the entire construction project had the code designation "Giesengrund". The same informants also mentioned that another airfield was under construction. Several small details of VP men were laying telephone lines and cables at various locations outside the barracks installations and beyond the field boundary. The VP personnel wore the usual KP uniform and, on their caps, the police star on a black-red-golden cockade. They wore no special insignia except for the green lightning on an oval black background on their sleeves. In the afternoon of 28 September, 4 Soviet officers, 2 female officers and 35 air force soldiers arrived in Kamenz with the regular train from the direction of Armsdorf near Dresden. Except for 11 soldiers who had to walk they were picked up by truck and hauled to the barracks installation. No aircraft were observed at the field. ¹
3. On 23 September, three temporary buildings used as day rooms for the construction workers were completed in the southern section of the field north of the spur track. Another building was under construction. No VP men were engaged in construction and cleaning up work. So far, no work has been done on the landing field. After 25 September, 10 low-wing monoplanes were parked at the field. The same planes were still observed on 7 October. No air activity was observed. ²

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4. On 28 September and 7 October, an estimated 1,500 VP men were quartered in the Panzer Kaserne in Kamenz. About 20 trucks and 2 sedans were parked there. On 7 October, 18 Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were observed in the barracks installation.

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1. [] Comment. According to available information, the Panzer Kaserne in Kamenz is occupied by the headquarters of the VP Air Div No 600 and the 2 d Regt of this division to which a school for the training of technical personnel is probably assigned. The newly arrived Soviet Air Force unit is probably composed of training and supervisory personnel for the VP air units. Similar instruction units are assigned to the other two VP air regiments stationed in Bautzen and Cottbus.

2. [] Comment. Yak-11 trainers also arrived in Cottbus and Bautzen. Therefore, it can be assumed that the training of VP pilots will start soon.

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